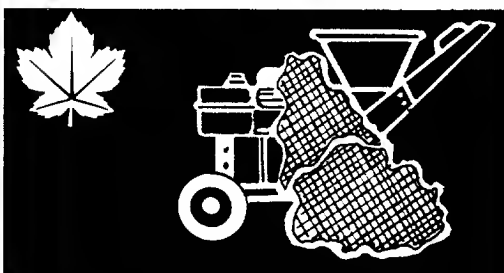
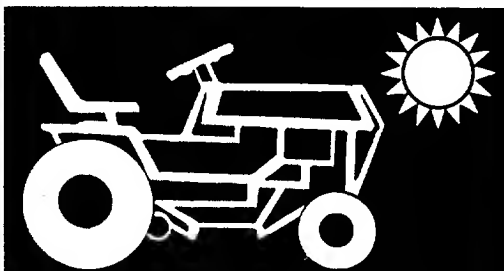
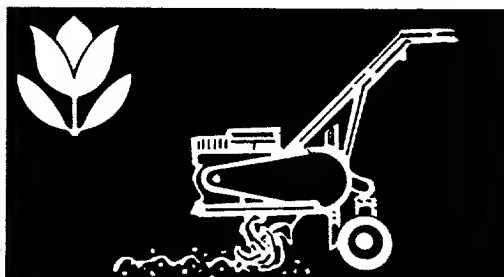


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## IMPORTANT:

Read Safety Rules and  
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## 20" and 22" ROTARY MOWERS

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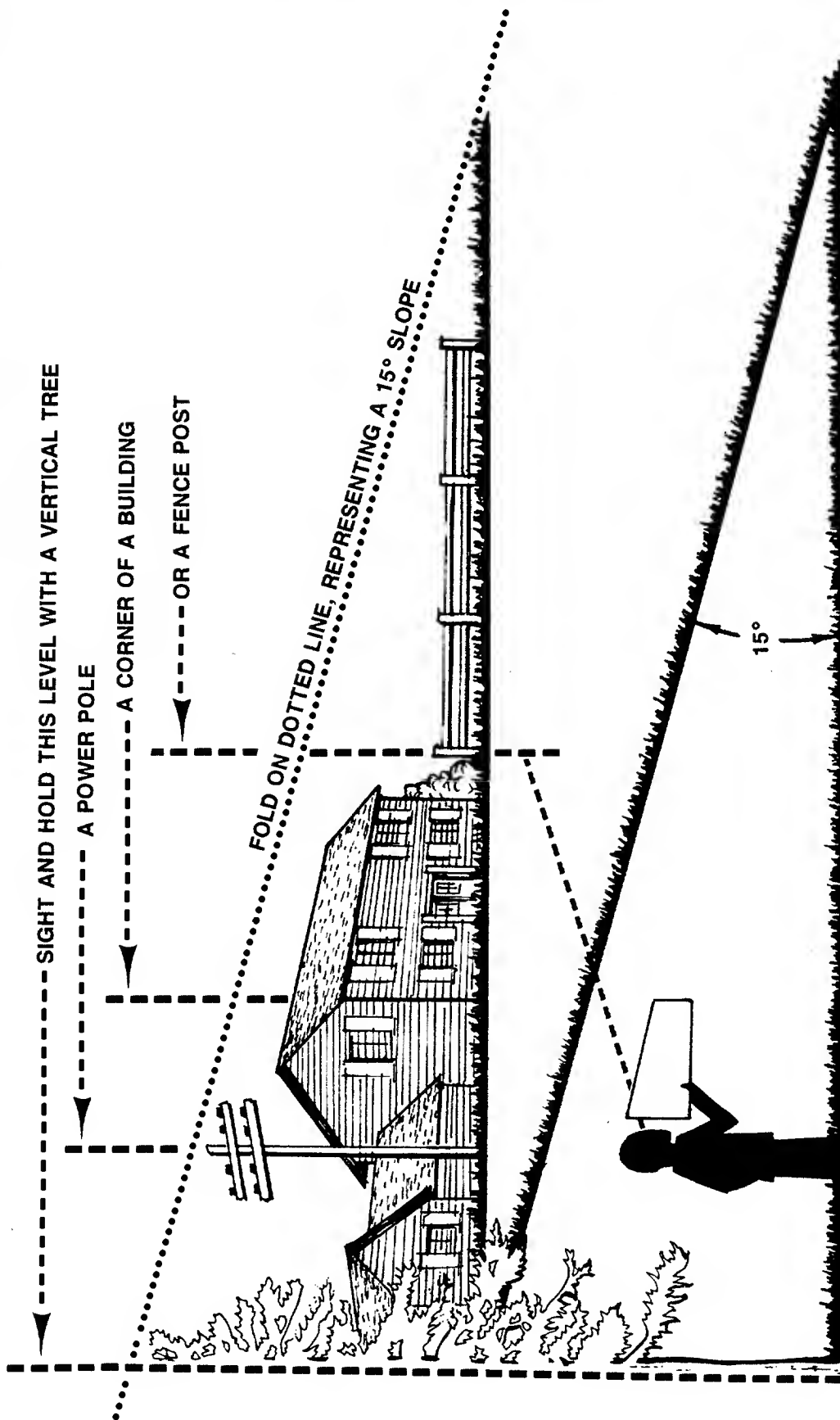
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USE THIS SHEET AS A GUIDE TO DETERMINE SLOPES WHERE YOU MAY NOT OPERATE SAFELY.

# SLOPE GAUGE

(Keep this sheet in a safe place for future reference.)



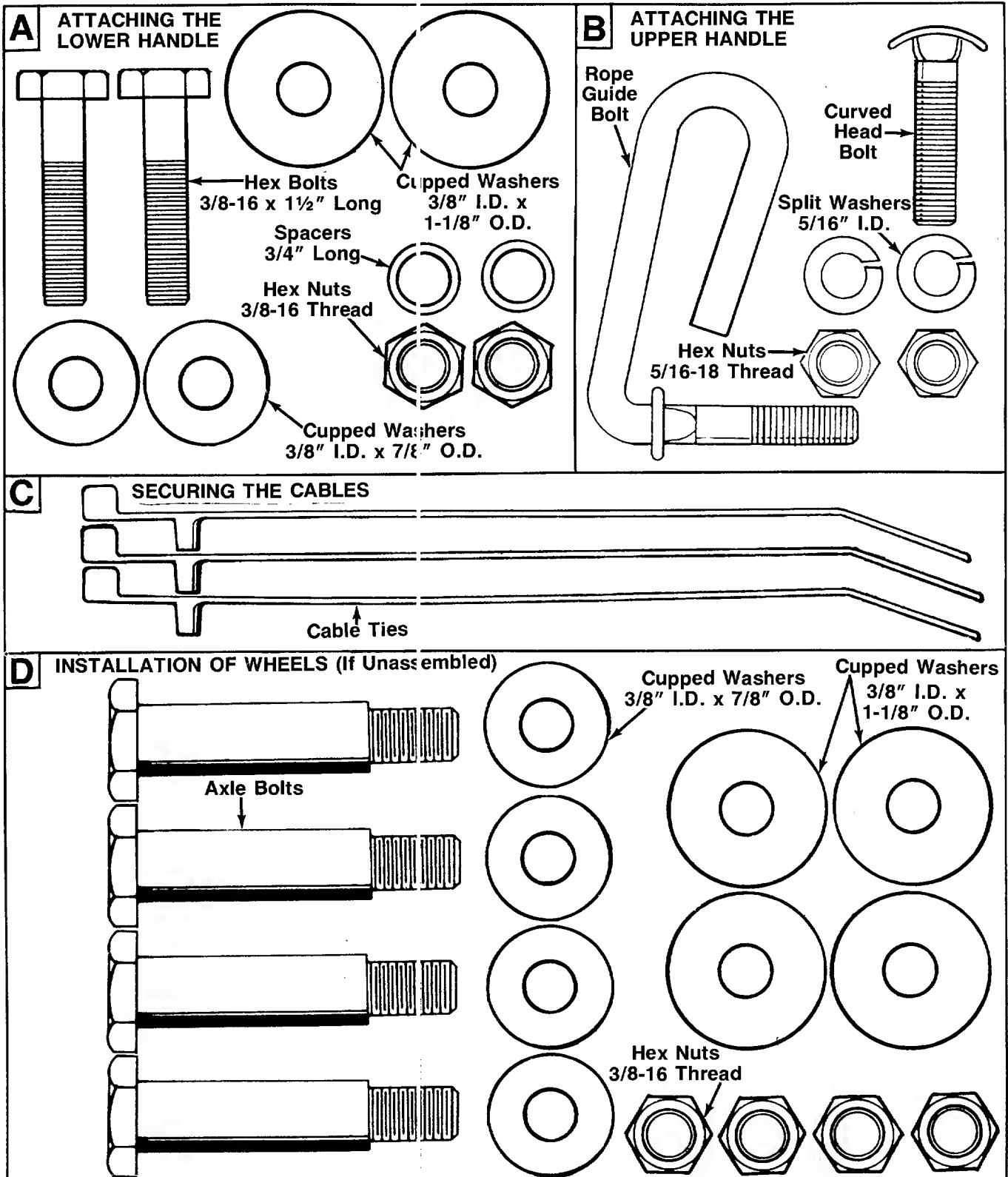
Do not mow on inclines with a slope in excess of 15 degrees (a rise of approximately 2½ feet every 10 feet). A riding mower could overturn and cause serious injury. If operating a walk-behind mower on such a slope, it is extremely difficult to maintain your footing and you could slip, resulting in serious injury.

Operate RIDING mowers up and down slopes, never across the face of slopes.

Operate WALK-BEHIND mowers across the face of slopes, never up and down slopes.

# CONTENTS OF HARDWARE PACK


Remove this sheet from your owner's manual and lay the hardware on the illustration for identification purposes. After assembly, keep the Slope Gauge which is on the reverse side of this sheet for future use.  
(Hardware pack may contain extra items which are not used on your unit.)



# IMPORTANT

## RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION



THIS SYMBOL POINTS OUT IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS WHICH, IF NOT FOLLOWED, COULD ENDANGER THE PERSONAL SAFETY AND/OR PROPERTY OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS. READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE YOUR LAWN MOWER. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY. WHEN YOU SEE THIS SYMBOL—  **HEED ITS WARNING.**



### DANGER

Your lawn mower was built to be operated according to the rules for safe operation in this manual. As with any type of power equipment, carelessness or error on the part of the operator can result in serious injury. If you violate any of these rules, you may cause serious injury to yourself or others.



### TRAINING

1. Read this owner's manual carefully in its entirety before attempting to assemble or operate this machine. Be completely familiar with the controls and the proper use of this machine before operating it. Keep this manual in a safe place for future and regular reference and for ordering replacement parts.
2. Your rotary mower is a precision piece of power equipment, not a plaything. Therefore, exercise extreme caution at all times.
3. Never allow children to operate a power mower. Only persons well acquainted with these rules of safe operation should be allowed to use your mower.
4. Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children and pets. Stop engine when they are in the vicinity of your mower to help prevent blade contact or thrown object injury. Although the area of operation should be completely cleared of foreign objects, an object may have been overlooked and could be accidentally thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator or any others allowed in the area.



### PREPARATION

1. Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used. Remove all stones, sticks, wire, bones and other foreign objects which could be picked up and thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator or any others allowed in the area.
2. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields during operation or while performing an adjustment or repair, to protect eyes from foreign objects that may be thrown from the machine in any direction.
3. Wear sturdy, rough-soled work shoes and close-fitting slacks and shirts to avoid entanglement in the moving parts. Never operate a unit in bare feet, sandals, or sneakers.
4. Check the fuel before starting the engine. Gasoline is an extremely flammable fuel. Do not fill the gasoline tank indoors, while the engine is running, or until engine has been allowed to cool for two minutes after running. Replace gasoline cap securely and wipe off any spilled gasoline before starting the engine as it may cause a fire or explosion.
5. Disengage the self-propelled mechanism or drive clutch on units so equipped before starting the engine.
6. The blade control handle is a safety device. Never attempt to bypass its operation. Doing so makes the safety device inoperative and may result in personal injury through contact with the rotating blade. The blade control handle must operate easily in both directions.
7. Never attempt to make a wheel or cutting height adjustment while the engine is running.
8. Never operate the equipment in wet grass. Always be sure of your footing. A slip and fall can cause serious personal injury. Keep a firm hold on the handle and walk, never run. Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.

9. For your safety, use the slope gauge included as part of this manual to measure slopes before operating this unit on a sloped or hilly area. If the slope is greater than 15° as shown on the slope gauge, do not operate this unit on that area or serious injury could result.



### OPERATION

1. Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine. Excessive engine speeds are dangerous.
2. Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times as the rotating blade can cause injury.
3. Stop the blade when crossing gravel drives, walks or roads.
4. After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, remove the wire from the spark plug, and thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage. Repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower.
5. If the equipment should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
6. Shut the engine off and wait until the blade comes to a complete stop before removing the grass catcher or unclogging the chute. The cutting blade continues to rotate for a few seconds after the engine is shut off. Never place any part of the body in the blade area until you are sure the blade has stopped rotating.
7. Before cleaning, repairing or inspecting, make certain the blade and all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire, and keep the wire away from the spark plug to prevent accidental starting.
8. Do not run the engine indoors.
9. Mow across the face of slopes, never up-and-down. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes. Do not mow excessively steep slopes. Always be sure of your footing. A slip and fall can cause serious personal injury.
10. Never operate mower without proper guards, plates or other safety protective devices in place.



### MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

1. Check the blade and engine mounting bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness.
2. Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
3. Never store the equipment with gasoline in the tank inside of a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
4. To reduce fire hazard, keep the engine free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.
5. Check the grass catcher bag frequently for wear or deterioration. For safety protection, replace only with new bag meeting original equipment specifications.

**IMPORTANT:** This unit is shipped WITHOUT GASOLINE or OIL. After assembly, service engine with gasoline and oil as instructed in the separate engine manual packed with your unit.

**NOTE:** Reference to right or left hand side of the mower is observed from the operating position.

## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

The instructions in this manual cover various models of mowers. Follow only those instructions which pertain to your unit.

### Tools Required for Assembly

- (1) 1/2" Wrench
- (1) 5/16" Wrench or Nutdriver
- (2) 9/16" Wrenches
- (1) Adjustable Wrench
- (Two 6" Adjustable Wrenches may be used instead of the above.)

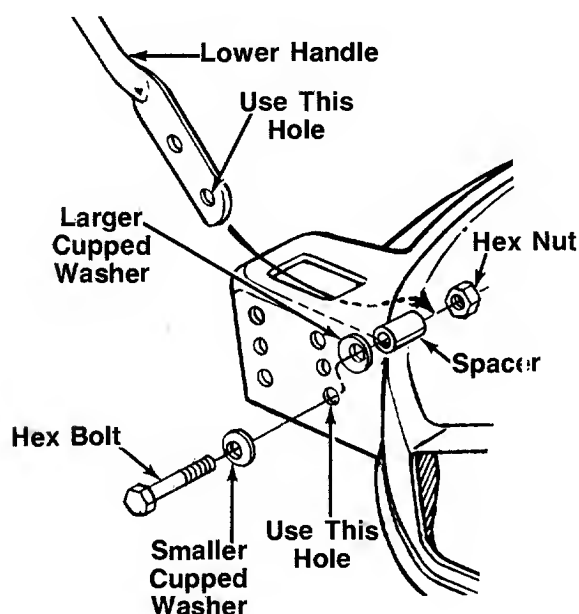


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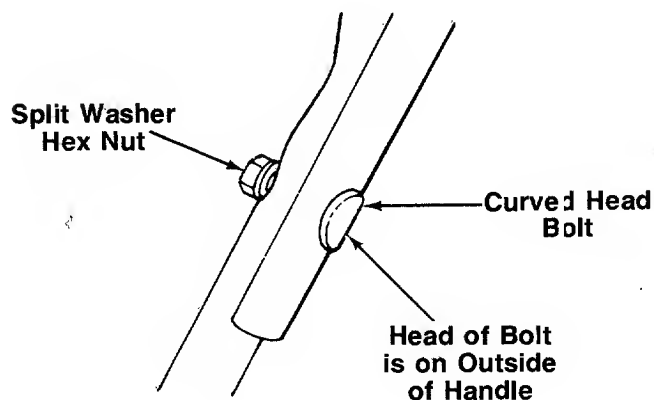


FIGURE 2.

### UNPACKING

1. Remove the lawn mower from the carton by opening the top flaps and lifting the unit out. Be careful of the staples. Make certain all parts and literature have been removed from the carton before the carton is discarded.
2. Disconnect and ground the spark plug wire against the engine. Check beneath the deck for any cardboard packaging. Remove if present.
3. Stretch out all control cables and place on the floor. Be careful not to bend or kink the cables at any time during assembly.
4. Remove page four from this manual and lay the contents of the hardware pack on the illustration for identification.

### ATTACHING THE LOWER HANDLE (Hardware A)

1. Raise the rear of the deck and block securely. Insert the ends of the lower handle through the slots in the rear of the deck.
2. Place one 7/8" O.D. cupped washer on hex bolt 1 1/2" long (crowned side of washer goes against the head of the hex bolt).
3. Using the inside set of holes in the rear of the deck, insert hex bolt through the bottom hole as shown in figure 1.
4. Place one 1-1/8" O.D. cupped washer on hex bolt (cupped side of washer goes against the deck). Place spacer on hex bolt. Then insert hex bolt through bottom hole in handle. Secure with hex nut, finger tight only.
5. Repeat steps 2 through 4 to attach the other side of the handle.
6. Tighten both hex bolts and nuts securely.

### ATTACHING THE UPPER HANDLE (Hardware B)

1. Place the upper handle in position over the lower handle. The bracket on the inside of the handle and the throttle control must be on the left side of the handle.

### NOTE

The right hand side of the handle will be secured with the rope guide bolt. However, left handed operators may assemble the rope guide bolt to the left side of the handle for easier starting by following steps 2 and 3 and reversing the left and right hand instructions.

2. Secure the left hand side of upper handle using the curved head bolt, split washer and hex nut as shown in figure 2.

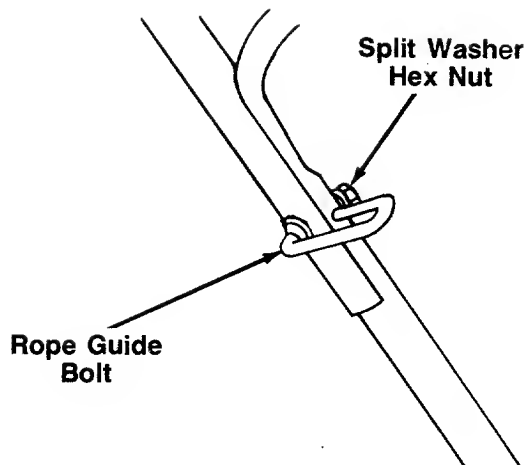


FIGURE 3.

3. Insert the rope guide bolt through the right hand side of upper and lower handle from the outside in. See figure 3. Secure with split washer and hex nut, finger tight only at this time.

#### ATTACHING THE BRAKE CABLE

1. The brake cable is attached to the engine, and has a "Z" fitting on the loose end. Route the brake cable below the lower handle. Place end of cable through the hole in the bracket as shown in figure 4. Be careful not to bend or kink the cable at any time. Push the plastic fitting until it locks into the hole in the bracket.

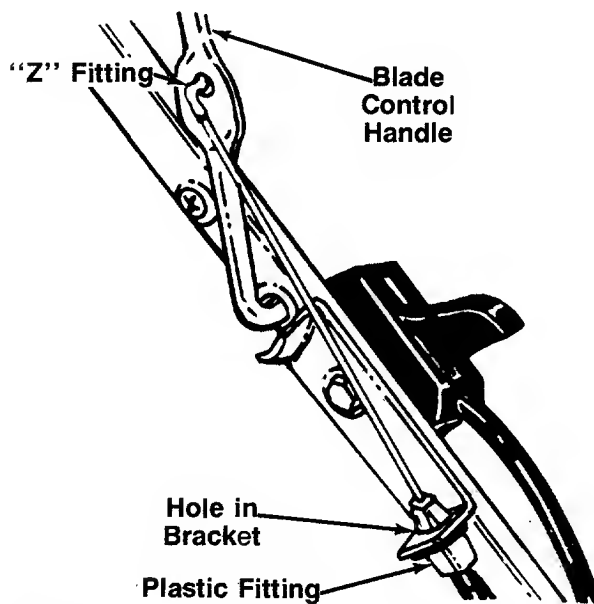


FIGURE 4.



Brake cable must be assembled as shown for proper blade brake operation.

2. Hook the "Z" end of the brake cable into the hole in the blade control handle from the inside to the outside as shown in figure 4.

#### ATTACHING THE THROTTLE CABLE Briggs and Stratton Engine

1. Place the throttle control lever on the handle in FAST position.
2. The throttle control cable is attached to the upper handle. Route the throttle control cable under the lower handle and inside the handle mounting bracket. Hook the "Z" end of the throttle control cable into the arm on the control lever on the engine which has two holes, using the **outside** hole as shown in figure 5.
3. Using a 5/16" wrench or nutdriver, remove the screw on the cable clamp shown in figure 5. Slip the control casing under the clamp. Replace the screw, but do not tighten (cable must still move freely beneath the clamp).
4. Place the throttle control lever on the engine in the full open position by pushing it toward outside of the unit. Push the wire casing on the throttle control cable toward the control lever on the engine as shown in figure 5 as you tighten the screw on the cable clamp.
5. Loosen the screw on the clamp on the side of the engine. Slip the cable casing under the clamp to secure the cable **away from the muffler**. Be careful not to bend or kink the cable. Tighten the screw.

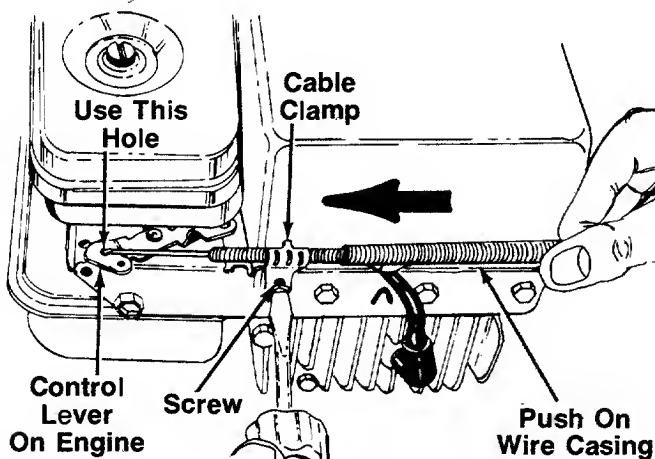


FIGURE 5.—Briggs and Stratton Engine

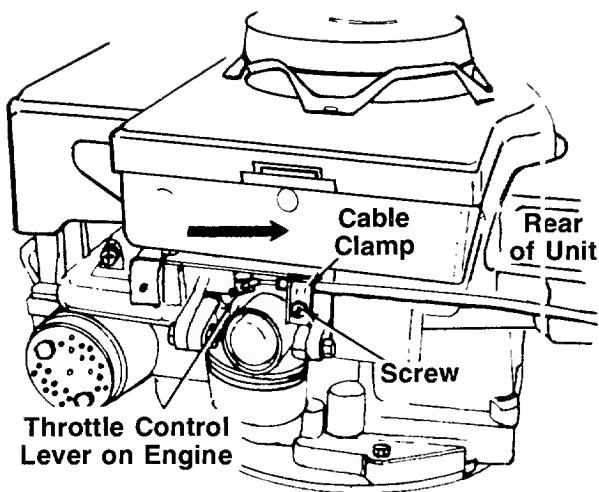


FIGURE 6.—Tecumseh Engine

### ATTACHING THE THROTTLE CABLE (Optional) Tecumseh Engine

1. Place the throttle control lever on the handle in FAST position.
2. The throttle control cable is attached to the upper handle. Route the throttle control cable under the lower handle and inside the handle mounting bracket. Hook the "Z" end of the throttle control cable into the control lever on the engine as shown in figure 6.
3. Loosen (do not remove) the screw on the cable clamp shown in figure 6. Slip the control casing under the clamp (cable must move freely beneath the clamp).
4. Place the control lever on the engine in the full open position by pushing it as far toward the rear of the unit as it will go. Tighten the screw on the cable clamp to secure the cable in this position.

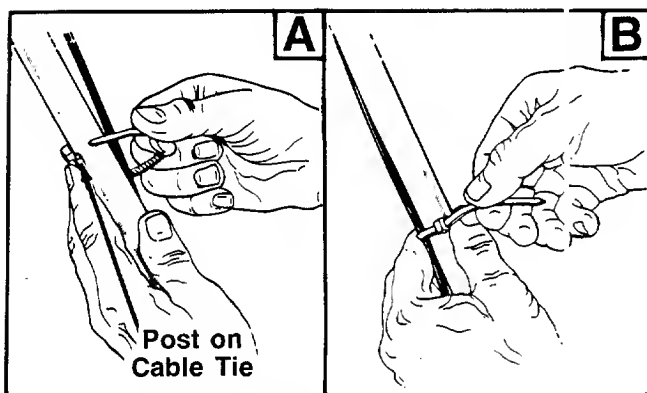


FIGURE 7.

### SECURING THE CABLES (Hardware C)

Secure the cable(s) to the left side of the handle as follows.

- A. Insert posts on cable ties into holes provided on the inside of the handle, one on the upper handle and two on the lower handle. The holes may be either on the inside or outside of the handles. See figure 7A.
- B. Secure the cable(s) with the cable ties. See figure 7B.
- C. Trim excess ends of cable ties.

### ATTACHING THE STARTER ROPE

1. The starter rope is inside the top of the engine. Additional rope may be wound around the starter handle. If so, unwind the rope from the handle.
2. With the spark plug wire disconnected and grounded, depress the blade control handle and pull the rope out of the engine.
3. Slip the starter rope into the rope guide bolt as shown in figure 8.
4. Tighten the hex nut on the rope guide bolt securely.

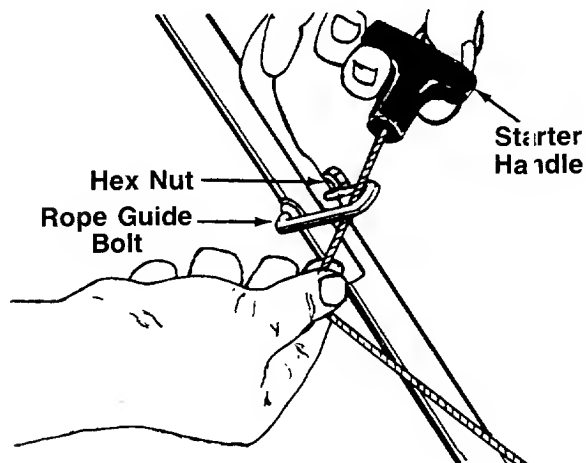


FIGURE 8.

### INSTALLATION OF WHEELS (Hardware D)

If the wheels on your mower are not already assembled, proceed as follows. The front wheels must be assembled in one of the three holes nearest the front of the deck. See figure 9. The rear wheels must be assembled in one of the three holes nearest the rear of the deck.



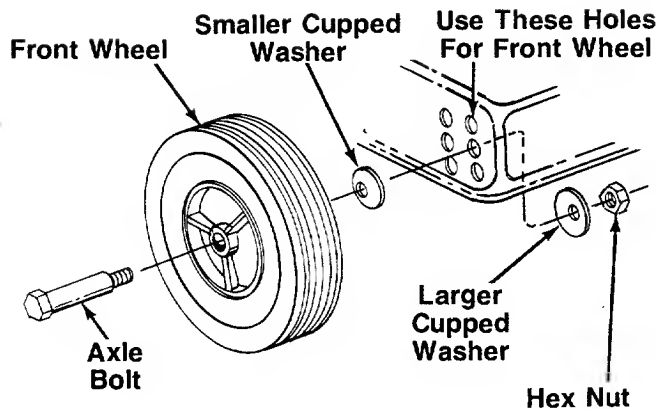


FIGURE 9.

The three holes provide three cutting heights for your mower. Use the same hole location for all four wheels when assembling. If wheels are to be assembled in the lowest cutting position (highest hole in the deck), refer to the note below.

← To assemble the wheels: (See figure 9)

1. Place axle bolt through wheel.
2. Place one smaller cupped washer on axle bolt, with the cupped side of washer toward the deck (away from wheel).
3. Secure wheel to deck with one larger cupped washer on the inside of the deck (cupped side against the deck) and hex nut. Tighten securely.
4. Assemble the other wheels in the same manner.

### NOTE

If the lowest cutting position (highest hole in the deck) is used, it is necessary to place the larger washer on the outside of the deck and the smaller washer on the inside.

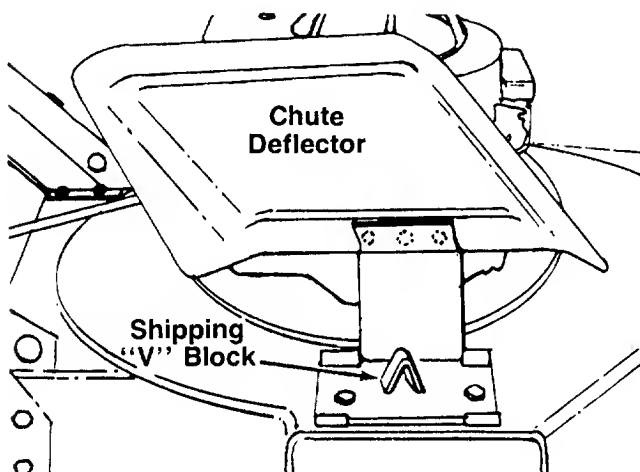


FIGURE 10.

### FINAL ASSEMBLY OF MOWER

1. The chute deflector on your mower is held in an upright position by a "V" block for shipping purposes only. This "V" block must be removed and discarded before the mower is put into operation. See figure 10.

← To remove the "V" block, pull the spring-loaded chute toward the engine. Remove the "V" block and carefully lower the chute into operating position, keeping fingers out of the way.

2. Make certain **all** nuts and bolts are tightened securely.

## CONTROLS

### BLADE CONTROL HANDLE

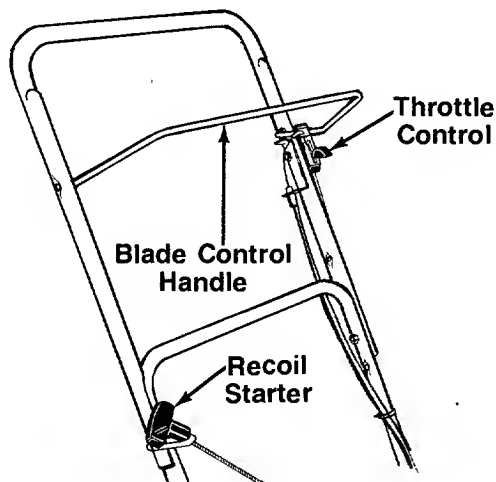


FIGURE 11.

### WARNING

**THIS CONTROL MECHANISM IS A SAFETY DEVICE NEVER ATTEMPT TO BYPASS ITS OPERATIONS**

The blade control handle is located on the upper handle of the mower. See figure 11. The blade control handle must be depressed in order to operate the unit. Release the blade control handle to stop the engine and blade.



### WARNING

The blade will be rotating whenever the engine is running.

### THROTTLE CONTROL (Optional)

The throttle control is located on the left side of the upper handle. It is used to regulate the engine speed. The engine should be started with the engine in the FAST or START position.



#### WARNING

The throttle control cannot be used to stop the engine.

### RECOIL STARTER

The recoil starter handle is attached to the handle. See figure 11. Stand behind the unit in the operating position to start the unit.

## OPERATION



FIGURE 12.

Keep hands and feet away from the chute area on cutting deck. See figure 12.

### GAS AND OIL FILL-UP

Service the engine with gasoline and oil as instructed in the separate engine manual packed with your mower. Read instructions carefully.



#### WARNING

Never fill fuel tank indoors, with engine running or until the engine has been allowed to cool for at least two minutes after running.

### TO START ENGINE AND ENGAGE BLADE

1. Attach spark plug wire to spark plug. If unit is equipped with a rubber boot over the end of the spark plug wire, make certain the metal loop on the end of the spark plug wire (inside the rubber boot) is fastened securely over the metal tip on the spark plug. See figure 13.

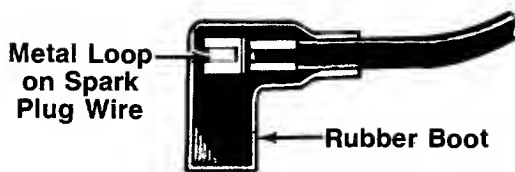


FIGURE 13.

2. Move the throttle control lever to FAST or START position.
3. **Tecumseh engines only:** Prime engine as instructed in the separate engine manual.
4. Standing behind the unit, depress the blade control handle and hold it against the upper handle as shown in figure 14.
5. Grasp the recoil starter handle as shown and pull back rapidly, extending rope fully. Return it slowly to the rope guide bolt.
6. After engine starts, move throttle control lever to desired engine speed.

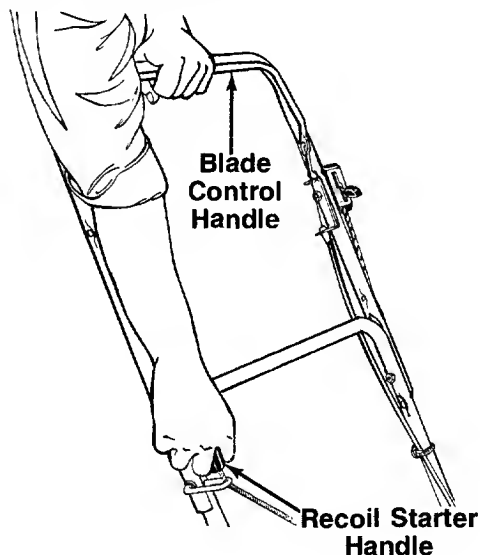


FIGURE 14.

#### NOTE

If any problems are encountered, refer to the Trouble Shooting Chart on page 13.

### TO STOP ENGINE AND BLADE

1. Release the blade control handle to stop the engine and blade.



#### WARNING

The blade continues to rotate for a few seconds after the engine is shut off.

2. Disconnect the spark plug wire and ground it against the engine to prevent accidental starting while equipment is unattended.

### USING YOUR ROTARY MOWER

Be sure that lawn is clear of stones, sticks, wire, or other objects which could damage lawn mower or engine. Such objects could be accidentally thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator and others.

Operate a new engine at intermediate speeds and light load for the first few hours as you would a new automotive engine.

For best results, do not cut wet grass because it tends to stick to the underside of the mower, preventing proper discharge of grass clippings, and could cause you to slip and fall. New grass or thick grass may require a narrower cut. Blade speed should be adjusted to the condition of the lawn.

The best mowing pattern is one that allows the clippings to discharge towards the uncut part of the lawn. This permits recutting of the clippings to further pulverize them. When cutting high weeds, discharge towards cut portion, then recut at right angles to first direction.

For best results, cut off one-third or less of the total length of the grass. Lawn should be cut in the fall as long as there is growth.

This mower is designed to be operated at full throttle to give you the best cut and do the most effective job of bagging the cut grass.

### → IMPORTANT

If you strike a foreign object, stop the engine. Remove wire from spark plug, thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower. Extensive vibration of the mower during operation is an indication of damage. The unit should be promptly inspected and repaired.

## ADJUSTMENTS



Do not at any time make any adjustment to lawn mower without first stopping engine and disconnecting spark plug wire.

### CUTTING HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT

Adjustment may be made by removing and moving axle bolts to desired position. Cutting heights will be raised

as axle bolts are moved to a lower hole and lowered as axle bolts are moved to a higher hole in the frame. All axle bolts must be mounted in the same position. Cupped washers must be assembled so that the cupped side of the washers are against the frame. Refer to figure 9.

### THROTTLE (Optional)

The throttle control wire assembly can be adjusted if necessary. Loosen the screw on the cable clamp shown in figure 5 or 6. Adjust as instructed in step 4 of "Attaching the Throttle Control Cable" in Assembly Instructions.

### CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENTS



If any adjustments are made to the carburetor while the engine is running (e.g. carburetor), keep clear of all moving parts. Be careful of heated surfaces and muffler.

**Minor carburetor adjustment may be required to compensate for differences in fuel, temperature, altitude and load.** Refer to the separate engine manual packed with your mower for carburetor adjustment information.

### → NOTE

A dirty air cleaner will cause an engine to run rough. Be certain air cleaner is clean and attached to the carburetor before adjusting carburetor. Refer to the separate engine manual.

## LUBRICATION



Always stop engine and disconnect spark plug wire before cleaning, lubricating or doing any kind of work on lawn mower.

**Blade Control**—Lubricate the pivot points on the blade control handle and the brake cable at least once a season with light oil. See figure 15. The blade control must operate freely in both directions.

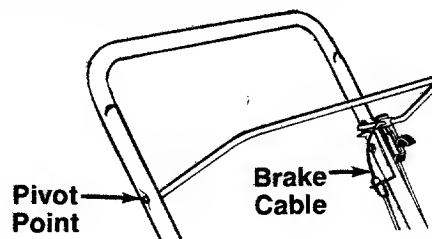


FIGURE 15.

**Chute Deflector**—The torsion spring and pivot point should be lubricated periodically with light oil to prevent any rust or binding. Deflector must work freely.

**Wheels**—The wheels require no lubrication. However, if the wheels are removed for any reason, lubricate the surface of the axle bolt and the inner surface of the wheel with light oil. A 4 oz. plastic bottle of light oil lubricant is available. Order part number 737-0170. Engine oil may also be used.

**Engine**—Follow engine manual for lubrication instructions.

**Throttle (Optional)**—Periodically lubricate throttle control lever and throttle wire assembly with a few drops of light oil for ease of operation.

## MAINTENANCE



### WARNING

Be sure to disconnect and ground the spark plug wire before performing any repairs or maintenance.



### NOTE

When tipping the unit, empty the fuel tank and keep engine spark plug side up.

## TROUBLE SHOOTING

Refer to page 13 of this manual for trouble shooting information.

## CUTTING BLADE

When removing the cutting blade for sharpening or replacement, protect hands by using heavy gloves or a rag to grasp the cutting blade. Remove the bolt and blade bell washer which hold the blade and adapter to the engine crankshaft. Remove the blade and adapter from the crankshaft.



### CAUTION

Periodically inspect the blade adapter for cracks, especially if you strike a foreign object. Replace when necessary.

When sharpening the blade, follow the original angle of grind as a guide. It is **extremely important** that each cutting edge receives an equal amount of grinding to prevent an unbalanced blade. An unbalanced blade will cause excessive vibration when rotating at high speeds, may cause damage to the mower and could break, causing personal injury.

The blade can be tested by balancing it on a round shaft screwdriver. Remove metal from the heavy side until it balances evenly.

Before reassembling the blade and the blade adapter to the unit, lubricate the engine crankshaft, the inner surface of the blade adapter and the center bolt with light oil. A 4 oz. plastic bottle of light oil lubricant is available. Order part number 737-0170. Engine oil may also be used.

When replacing the blade, be sure to install the blade with the side of the blade marked "Bottom" (or with part number) facing the ground when the mower is in the operating position.

## Blade Mounting Torque

Center Bolt 375 in. lb. min., 450 in. lb. max.

To insure safe operation of your unit, all nuts and bolts must be checked periodically for correct tightness.

## DECK

The underside of mower deck should be cleaned after each period of use as grass clippings, leaves, dirt and other matter will accumulate. This accumulation of grass clippings, etc., is undesirable as it will invite rust and corrosion and may cause an uneven discharge of grass clippings at the next cutting.

The deck may be cleaned by tilting the mower forward or on its side and scraping clean with a suitable tool or by washing with a stream of water from a garden hose.



### NOTE

Do not direct the stream of water at a hot engine as damage to the engine may result.

## ENGINE

**Refer to the separate engine manual for engine maintenance instructions.**

Maintain **engine oil** as instructed in the separate engine manual packed with your unit. Read and follow instructions carefully.

Service **air cleaner** every 25 hours under normal conditions. Clean every few hours under extremely dusty conditions. Poor engine performance and flooding usually indicates that the air cleaner should be serviced. To service the air cleaner, refer to the separate engine manual packed with your unit.

The **spark plug** should be cleaned and the gap reset once a season. Spark plug replacement is recommended at the start of each mowing season; check engine manual for correct plug type and gap specifications.

**Clean the engine** regularly with a cloth or brush. Keep the cooling system (blower housing area) clean to permit proper air circulation which is essential to engine performance and life. Be certain to remove all grass, dirt and combustible debris from muffler area.

# OFF-SEASON STORAGE

The following steps should be taken to prepare lawn mower for storage.

1. Clean and lubricate mower thoroughly as described in the lubrication instructions.
2. Refer to engine manual for correct engine storage instructions.
3. Coat mower's cutting blade with chassis grease to prevent rusting.

4. Store mower in a dry, clean area.

## NOTE

When storing any type of power equipment in an unventilated or metal storage shed, care should be taken to rust-proof the equipment. Using a light oil or silicone, coat the equipment, especially cables and all moving parts.

## Trouble Shooting Chart

Symptom	Possible Causes	Corrective Action
1 Engine fails to start	<b>A</b> Blade control handle disengaged <b>B</b> Check fuel tank for gas <b>C</b> Spark plug lead wire disconnected <b>D</b> Throttle control lever not in the starting position <b>E</b> Faulty spark plug <b>F</b> Carburetor improperly adjusted, engine flooded  <b>G</b> Old stale gasoline <b>H</b> Engine brake engaged	<b>A</b> Engage blade control handle. <b>B</b> Fill tank if empty. <b>C</b> Connect lead wire. <b>D</b> Move throttle lever to start position.  <b>E</b> Clean, adjust gap or replace.† <b>F</b> Remove spark plug, dry the plug, crank engine with plug removed, and throttle in off position. Replace spark plug and lead wire and resume starting procedures. <b>G</b> Drain and refill with fresh gasoline. <b>H</b> Follow starting procedure.
2 Hard starting or loss of power	<b>A</b> Spark plug wire loose <b>B</b> Carburetor improperly adjusted <b>C</b> Dirty air cleaner	<b>A</b> Connect and tighten spark plug wire. <b>B</b> Adjust carburetor.† <b>C</b> Clean air cleaner.†
3 Operation erratic	<b>A</b> Dirt in gas tank <b>B</b> Dirty air cleaner <b>C</b> Water in fuel supply  <b>D</b> Vent in gas cap plugged <b>E</b> Carburetor improperly adjusted	<b>A</b> Remove the dirt and fill tank with fresh gas. <b>B</b> Clean air cleaner.† <b>C</b> Drain contaminated fuel and fill tank with fresh gas. <b>D</b> Clear vent or replace gas cap. <b>E</b> Adjust carburetor.†
4 Occasional skip (hesitates) at high speed	<b>A</b> Carburetor idle speed too slow <b>B</b> Spark plug gap too close <b>C</b> Carburetor idle mixture adjustment improperly set	<b>A</b> Adjust carburetor.† <b>B</b> Adjust to .030" <b>C</b> Adjust carburetor.†
5 Idles poorly	<b>A</b> Spark plug fouled, faulty, or gap too wide <b>B</b> Carburetor improperly adjusted <b>C</b> Dirty air cleaner	<b>A</b> Reset gap to .030" or replace spark plug. <b>B</b> Adjust carburetor.† <b>C</b> Clean air cleaner.†
6 Engine overheats	<b>A</b> Carburetor not adjusted properly <b>B</b> Air flow restricted <b>C</b> Engine oil level low	<b>A</b> Adjust carburetor.† <b>B</b> Remove blower housing and clean.† <b>C</b> Fill crankcase with the proper oil.
7 Excessive vibration	<b>A</b> Cutting blade loose or unbalanced <b>B</b> Bent cutting blade	<b>A</b> Tighten blade and adapter. Balance blade. <b>B</b> Replace blade.

†Refer to separate engine manual packed with your unit.

**Note:** For repairs beyond the minor adjustments listed above, contact your local authorized service dealer.

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\*For faster service obtain standard nuts, bolts, and washers locally. If these items cannot be obtained locally, order by part number and size as shown on parts list.

If color is important when ordering parts, use the appropriate color code shown below [i.e. (part no.)-638 for MTD Red Finish].

## Color Codes

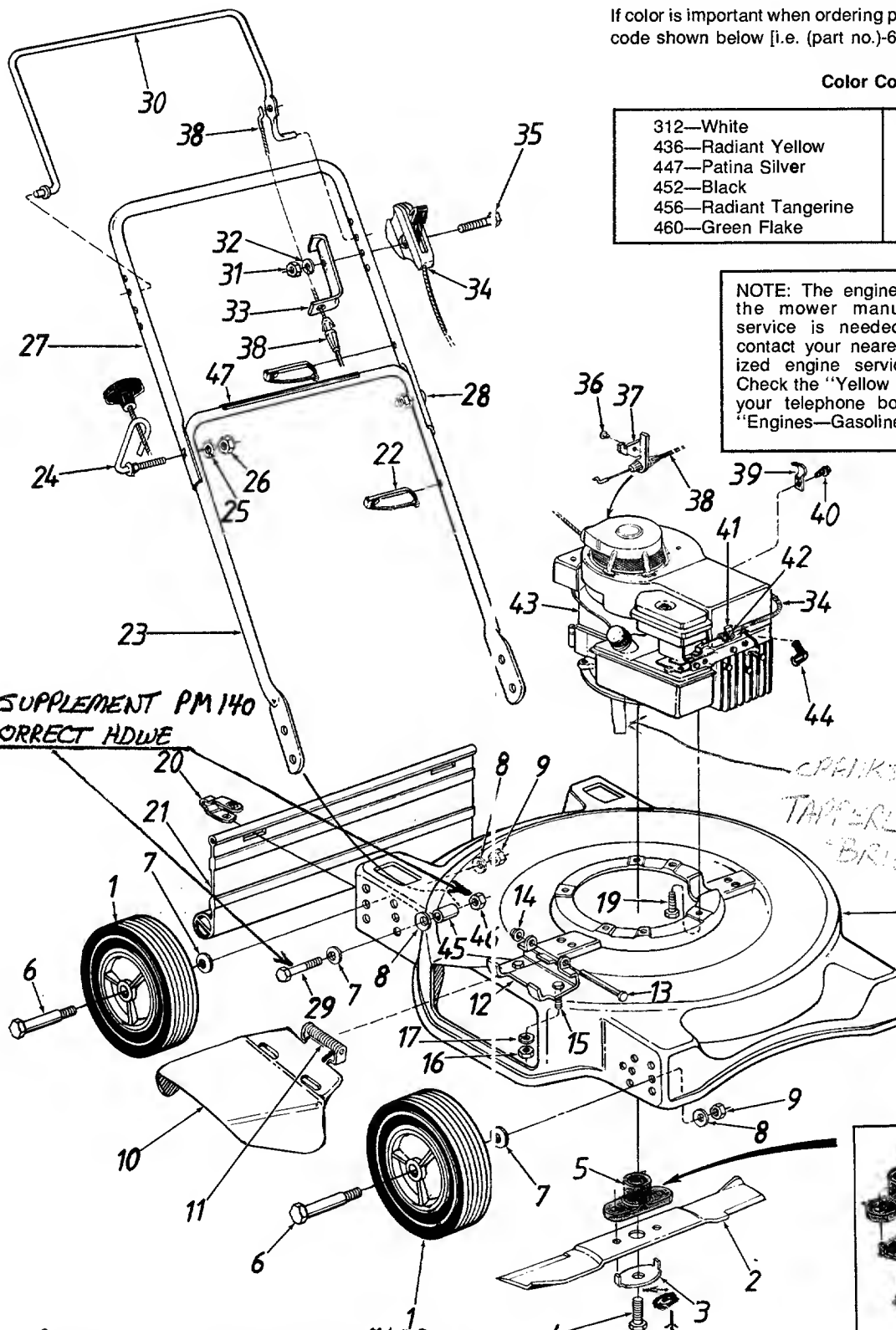
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436—Radiant Yellow	483—Charcoal Grey
447—Patina Silver	499—Beige
452—Black	629—Silver Flake
456—Radiant Tangerine	630—Blue
460—Green Flake	638—MTD Red

NOTE: The engine is not under warranty by the mower manufacturer... If repairs or service is needed on the engine, please contact your nearest authorized engine service outlet. Check the "Yellow Pages" of your telephone book under "Engines—Gasoline."

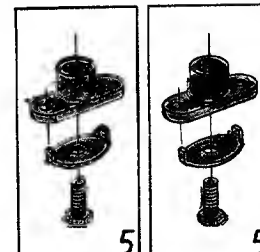
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## NOTE

This instruction manual covers various models and all specifications shown do not necessarily apply to your model. Specifications subject to change without notice or obligation.



CRANKSHAFT HAS A  
TAPERED TOP THREAD  
BRIGGS 1/2" L.  
HANDLE



KEYED ADAPTER 748-0323 7/8" DIA.  
SPUNED ADAPTER 748-0324 1" DIA.

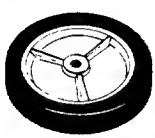

736-0217 3/8" L. WASH HEAVY DUTY  
USED ON TEC. ENGINES ONLY

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## PARTS LIST FOR MODELS 050R THRU 063R ROTARY MOWERS

REF. NO.	PART NO.	COLOR CODE	DESCRIPTION	NEW PART	REF. NO.	PART NO.	COLOR CODE	DESCRIPTION	NEW PART
1	**		Wheel Ass'y. Complete	N	24	710-0842		Rope Guide Bolt	
2	742-0520		20" Blade		25	736-0119		L-Wash. 5/16" I.D.*	
	742-0522		22" Blade		26	712-0267		Hex Nut 5/16-18 Thd.*	
3	736-0415		Blade Bell-Wash. .45" I.D. x 2.38"	N	27	749-0754		Upper Handle 22 3/4" LG.	N
4	710-0459		Hex Bolt 3/8-24 x 1.5" Lg. (Used w/Keyed Adaptor)		28	710-0671		Curved Carriage Bolt 5/16-18 x 1.38" Lg.	
	710-0757		Hex Bolt 7/16-20 x 1.5" Lg.—(Used w/Splined Adaptor)		29	710-0344		Hex Bolt 3/8-16 x 1.5" Lg.*	
5	753-0462		Blade Adapter Kit (Keyed) 7/8"	N	30	747-0550		Control Handle	N
	753-0463		Blade Adapter Kit (Splined) 1 1/2"	N	31	712-0138		Hex Nut 1/4-28 Thd.*	
6	738-0533		Shld. Bolt .498" Dia. x 1.64" Lg.		32	736-0175		Spr. Wash. .265" I.D. x .562" O.D.	
7	736-0105		Bell-Wash. .380" I.D. x .88" O.D.		33	16201		Cable Mounting Bracket	
8	736-0331		Bell-Wash. .39" I.D. x 1.13" O.D.		34	746-0646		Throttle Control Ass'y. Comp. (B&S)	N
9	712-0798		Hex Nut 3/8-16 Thd.*			746-0665		Throttle Control Ass'y. Comp. (Tecumseh)—Optional	
10	14944	638	Chute Deflector Ass'y.		35	710-0559		Hex Bolt 1/4-28 x 1.75" Lg.*	
11	732-0253		Torsion Spring		36	728-0171		Pop Rivet .156" Dia. x .316 (B&S)	
12	11130		Adapter Plate		37	14924		Cable Bracket (B&S)	
13	711-0555		Pivot Pin		38	746-0550		Control Cable—39" (B&S)	N
14	726-0106		Speed Nut 1/4" Rod			746-0557		Control Cable—47" (Tec.)	
15	710-0289		Hex Bolt 1/4-20 x .5" Lg.*		39	12894		Casing Clamp (B&S)	
16	712-0287		Hex Nut 1/4-20 Thd.*		40	710-0429		Hex B-Tap Scr. #10 x .38" Lg. (B&S)	
17	736-0329		L-Wash. 1/4" I.D.*		41	751-0369		Casing Clamp (B&S)	
18	17038	638	20" Deck Ass'y.	N	42	710-0227		Hex Wash. Hd. AB-Tap Scr. #8 x .50" Lg. (B&S)	
	17043		22" Deck Ass'y.	N				Engine	
19	710-0654		Hex Wash. Hd. Scr. 3/8-16 x 1" Lg.		43	—		Spark Plug Boot (Optional)	
20	17098		Hinge Clip	N	44	735-0639		Spacer .381" I.D. x .56" O.D. x .75" Lg.	N
21	731-0872		Rear Flap 16.75" Lg.	N	45	750-0727		Hex Nut 3/8-16 Thd.*	
22	726-0240		Cable Tie		46	712-0798		Instruction Label—Handle	
23	749-0373		Lower Handle		47	777-5776			

### \*\*WHEEL CHART

Plastic Rim			Steel Rim			
Size			Size	Tread Type		Bearings
				Twinline	Waffle	
7 x 1.5	734-0840	734-1170	7 x 1.5	734-0876	734-0893	Ball Brgs. 3/8" I.D.-741-0267, 1/2" I.D.-741-0484, Spacer-750-0434 (Use Axle Bolt 710-0347)
8 x 1.75	734-0841	734-1169	8 x 1.75	734-0661	734-0812	
						1/2" I.D. Plastic Brg.-741-0262 (2 per Wheel)

**NOTE:** The use of any accessory on this Rotary Mower other than those manufactured by the mower manufacturer is **not** recommended.

GRASS CATCHER, Model 066, is available as optional equipment for the mower shown in this manual.



- DO NOT operate the mower without the entire grass catcher or chute deflector in place.
- DO NOT operate the mower without the protective shield on the rear of the deck in place.

**NOTE:** Under normal usage bag material is subject to wear and should be checked periodically. Be sure any replacement bag complies with the mower manufacturer's recommendations.

For replacement bags, use only factory authorized replacement bag Part Number 764-0217.

# PARTS INFORMATION

## POWER EQUIPMENT PARTS AND SERVICE

Parts and service are available through the authorized service firms listed below. All orders should specify the model number of your unit, part numbers, description of parts and the quantity of each part required.

## BRIGGS AND STRATTON, TECUMSEH AND PEERLESS PARTS AND SERVICE

Briggs & Stratton, Tecumseh and Peerless parts and service should be handled by your nearest authorized engine service firm. Check the yellow pages of your telephone directory under the listing **Engines—Gasoline**. Briggs & Stratton or Tecumseh Lauson.

**NOTE:** If any parts are found to be missing or defective upon assembly of this unit, write to advise the factory so that immediate replacement can be made.

<b>ALABAMA</b> Auto Electric & Carburetor Co. . . . .	<b>BIRMINGHAM</b> 2625 4th Ave. S. . . . . 35233	<b>NEW YORK</b> Gamble Dist., Inc. . . . .	<b>CARTHAGE</b> West End Ave. . . . . 13619
<b>ARKANSAS</b> Sutton's Lawn Mower Shop. . . . .	<b>NORTH LITTLE ROCK</b> 5301 Roundtop Drive Box 368, Rt. 4 . . . . . 72117	<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b> Dixie Sales Company. . . . .	<b>GREENSBORO</b> 335 N. Green . . . . . 27402
<b>CALIFORNIA</b> Billious . . . . .	<b>PORTERVILLE</b> 75 North D Street . . . . . 33257	<b>OHIO</b> Stebe's Mid-State Mower Supply . . . . .	<b>CARROLL</b> Box 366, 71 High St. . . . . 43112
<b>COLORADO</b> Spitzer Industrial Products Co. . . . .	<b>DENVER</b> 6601 N. Washington St. . . . . 30229		<b>CLEVELAND</b> 7900 Lorain Ave. . . . . 44102
<b>FLORIDA</b> Radco Distributors . . . . .	<b>JACKSONVILLE</b> 4909 Victor St. Box 5459 . . . . . 32207		<b>WADSWORTH</b> 687 Seville Rd. . . . . 44281
	<b>HIALEAH</b> 7995 W. 26th Court . . . . . 33016	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b> EECO Inc. . . . .	<b>YOUNGSTOWN</b> 1301 Logan Ave. Box 929 . . . . . 44501
<b>GEORGIA</b> East Point Cycle & Key Inc. . . . .	<b>EAST POINT</b> 2834 Church St. . . . . 30344		<b>HARRISBURG</b> 4021 N. 6th St. . . . . 17110
<b>ILLINOIS</b> Keen Edge Co. . . . .	<b>LYONS</b> 8615 Ogden Ave. . . . . 30534		<b>WILLOW GROVE</b> 850 Davisville Rd. . . . . 19090
<b>INDIANA</b> Parts & Sales Inc. . . . .	<b>ELKHART</b> 2101 Industrial Pkwy. . . . . 46516		<b>PITTSBURGH</b> 11101 Frankstown Rd. . . . . 15235
<b>IOWA</b> Power Lawn & Garden Equip. . . . .	<b>DUBUQUE</b> 2551 J.F. Kennedy . . . . . 52001		<b>PUNXSUTAWNEY</b> R.D. 2 . . . . . 15767
<b>LOUISIANA</b> Suhren Engine Co. . . . .	<b>NEW ORLEANS</b> 8330 Earhart Blvd. . . . . 70118		<b>SCRANTON</b> 1133-35 Wyoming Ave. . . . . 18509
<b>MARYLAND</b> Center Supply Co. . . . .	<b>TAKOMA PARK</b> 6867 New Hampshire Ave. . . . . 20912	<b>TENNESSEE</b> Ace Distributors . . . . .	<b>KNOXVILLE</b> 2103 Magnolia . . . . . 37917
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b> Morton B. Collins Co. . . . .	<b>SPRINGFIELD</b> 300 Birnie Ave. . . . . 31107		<b>MEMPHIS</b> 3035-43 Bellbrook . . . . . 381
<b>MICHIGAN</b> Power Equipment Dist. . . . .	<b>MOUNT CLEMENS</b> 340 Hubbard . . . . . 48043	<b>TEXAS</b> Marr Brothers, Inc. . . . .	<b>DALLAS</b> 423 E. Jefferson . . . . . 75203
<b>MINNESOTA</b> Hance Distributing Inc. . . . .	<b>PLYMOUTH</b> 12795 16th Ave. North . . . . . 55441		<b>SAN ANTONIO</b> 8610 Botts Lane P.O. Box 17867 . . . . . 78217
<b>MISSOURI</b> Oscar Wilson Engine & Parts . . . . .	<b>EARTH CITY</b> 4159 Shoreline Dr. . . . . 33045	<b>UTAH</b> Powered Products . . . . .	<b>SALT LAKE CITY</b> 1661 N. Beck St. . . . . 84116
	<b>KANSAS CITY</b> 3117 Holmes St. . . . . 34109	<b>VIRGINIA</b> RBI Corp. . . . .	<b>ASHLAND</b> 101 Cedar Ridge Dr. . . . . 23005
<b>NEW JERSEY</b> Piersons . . . . .	<b>ALLOWAY</b> Canal St., Box 494 . . . . . 38001	<b>WASHINGTON</b> Equip. Northwest . . . . .	<b>SEATTLE</b> 1410 14th Ave. . . . . 98122
<b>NEW MEXICO</b> Spitzer Eng. & Parts Co. . . . .	<b>ALBUQUERQUE</b> 1023 Third Ave. N.W. . . . . 37103	<b>WISCONSIN</b> Wisconsin Magneto Inc. . . . .	<b>MILWAUKEE</b> 4727 N. Teutonia St. . . . . 53209

## WARRANTY PARTS AND SERVICE POLICY

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The purpose of warranty is to protect the customer from defects in workmanship and materials, defects which are NOT detected at the time of manufacture. It does not provide for the unlimited and unrestricted replacement of parts. Use and maintenance are the responsibility of the customer. The manufacturer cannot assume responsibility for conditions over which it has no control. Simply put, if it's the manufacturer's fault, it's the manufacturer's responsibility; if it's the customer's fault, it's the customer's responsibility.

### CLAIMS AGAINST THE MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY INCLUDES:

1. Replacement of Missing Parts on new equipment.
2. Replacement of Defective Parts within the warranty period.
3. Repair of Defects within the warranty period.

All claims MUST be substantiated with the following information:

1. Model Number, Serial Number and/or Data Code of unit involved.
2. Date unit was purchased or first put into service.
3. Date of Failure.
4. Nature of Failure.